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## News Briefs

### Commander's call

There will be several 52nd Fighter Wing commander's calls taking place Monday through Oct. 27 in the base theater. All members of the 52nd FW are required to attend one of the following briefings:

- ♦ Airmen: Tuesday at 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. and Oct. 27 at 10 a.m.;
- ♦ Civilians: Monday at 3 p.m. and Oct. 27 at 2:30 a.m.;
- ♦ Officers: Monday at 9 a.m. and Oct. 27 at 4 p.m.;
- ♦ NCOs: Tuesday at 10 a.m. and Oct. 27 at 8 a.m.; and
- ♦ Senior NCOs: Monday at 1 p.m. and Wednesday at 5 p.m.

### Bail and jail

Put a boss, co-worker, friend or family member in jail today from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The cost to jail someone is \$10 per hour and the cost to bail someone out is \$20 per hour. A portion of event proceeds will go to Operation Warm Heart. For more information, call 452-6608, 452-6612 or 452-7495.

### Blood drive

The Armed Services Blood Program has a blood drive today from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at building 42. People who want to donate receive a free ticket to the upcoming base haunted house. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Kambea Chan at 452-3460.

### CAC, ID card issue

The Military Personnel Flight customer service will be closed Oct. 26-27 due to DEERS and RAPIDS system upgrades. For more information, call 452-6554.

### Enlisted Force Shaping Briefings

Briefings on the Fiscal Year 2007 Enlisted Force Shaping Program take place Monday at 2 and 3 p.m. and Oct. 27 at 10 a.m. in the Willkommen Center building 42. The primary components of discussion include the date of separation rollback and the Limited Active Duty Service Commitment Waiver Program. Briefings should last approximately 30 minutes.

### New plates

The 52nd Security Forces Squadron has new German vehicle plates in long/long and long/short combinations in stock. The vehicle inspection center determines what type of plate is required for each vehicle according to Appendix I of the USAREUR guide. Plates will not be mass issued, they will be distributed based on attrition.

### Strike a pose

... and pump up the jam with Spang's body-builders.

Read, "Six Sabers take 2006 U.S. Forces Europe Body Building Championships by storm," on Page 8.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Cohen Young

Secretary of the Air Force Michael W. Wynne was joined by Air Force Chief of Staff T. Michael Mosely and Air Force Memorial Foundation Chairman Ross Perot, Jr., Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Rodney J. McKinley and former Secretaries of the Air Force, Chief of Staffs and Chief Master Sergeants of the Air Force at the base of the new Air Force Memorial for the Wreath memorial dedication service for fallen Airmen past and present here in Arlington, Va., Oct. 15.

## President, military leaders dedicate Air Force Memorial

By Staff Sgt. Julie Weckerlein  
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON -- On behalf of a grateful nation, the President of the United States accepted the Air Force Memorial in a dedication ceremony here attended by military leaders of the past and present, political and business representatives and thousands of ordinary citizens and Airmen alike.

"A soldier can walk the battlefields where he once fought," said President George W. Bush. "A Marine can walk the beaches he once stormed, but an Airman can never visit the patch of sky he raced across to defend freedom. And so it is fitting that from this day forward, the men and women of the Air Force will have this memorial."

The ceremony was the highlight of a daylong open house event that attracted thousands of people from around the country to the south parking lot of the Pentagon. Huge screens were put up which allowed the visitors in the parking lot to view the dedication ceremony, which took place at the base of the memorial.

That crowd included H. Ross Perot and his son, H. Ross

Perot Jr., who is chairman of the Air Force Memorial foundation, and Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld. Also in attendance were former chiefs of staff of the Air Force, secretaries of the Air Force, chief master sergeants of the Air Force, Air Force Medal of Honor recipients and their families.

Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Rodney McKinley spoke at the event, saying he was deeply honored to be a part of it. He reflected on the Airmen who serve today, and their connection to the dedicated Airmen who served in the past.

"We have the most powerful air, space and cyberspace force in the world," he said. "This is a long over-due tribute to all those who are a part of this ongoing cycle of dedicated and talented Americans who service in the Air Force."

The Air Force Band performed several pieces while a video was shown with clips from pilots climbing into World War II bombers to modern-day Airmen working in the sands of Iraq.

Chief of Staff of the Air Force Gen. T. Michael Moseley

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## America soars on Air Force wings

(Editor's note: The article from Chief of Staff of the Air Force is the first in a series. The intention of the essays are to highlight to Airmen and the public how commanders are preparing and employing their Airmen for the long Global War on Terrorism).

By General T. Michael Moseley  
U.S. Air Force Chief of Staff

WASHINGTON -- The United States of America depends on its Air Force to defend the population, deliver global effects and jointly accomplish national

objectives to an extent unseen in the history of mankind.

In my 35 years of service, many things have changed. Yet, what has remained constant is the extraordinary dedication, courage, and skill of the men and women we call "Airmen" who deliver for the nation every minute of every day in air, on the surface, in space, and cyberspace.

I am often asked: What does the Air Force contribute? What does our national investment in air, space and cyberspace power bring to America? Let me share

with you some observations of our Air Force that have inspired me since I was a new Second Lieutenant -- fresh from commissioning at Texas A&M University -- and continue to fill me with pride as the Eighteenth Chief of Staff of the United States Air Force.

I see Airmen (Active, Reserve, Air National Guard and Civilians), vigilant at their post, who provide first warning of threats world-wide through space, air and

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# RESCON Watch

## DELTA

4+ DUIs/ARIs in the Last 30 Days

Days since last DUI/ARI: 5

Rank of last DUI/ARI: airman first class  
Squadrons of last DUI/ARI: 52nd SFS

307 Airmen's lives were saved by the Airmen Against Drunk Driving Program since Jan. 1, 2006. When going out and your plan falls through call AADD for a ride, at 06565-61-2233.



# Red Ribbon Week highlights students commitment to living drug-free lives

By Capt. Michael Cumberworth  
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

The 52nd Medical Group and Department of Defense Dependents Schools kick off Red Ribbon Week here Oct. 23, joining the nationwide anti-drug campaign that memorializes the 1985 kidnapping and death of a Drug Enforcement Agency special agent.

The annual campaign honoring special agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena began as a show of community support after his murder by Mexican drug traffickers and now, after more than two decades, is the oldest and largest drug prevention program in the U.S.

"The goal of Red Ribbon Week at Spangdahlem AB is to encourage students, parents and schools to discuss the impact drug, alcohol and tobacco use can have on their lives," said Mark Tack, this year's Red Ribbon Committee coordinator. "This campaign seeks to foster a sense of community and to form a united front against substance abuse and the damage it can cause to individuals and to our Air Force family."

A history of Red Ribbon Week on the DEA Web site tells how the campaign grew from hundreds of "Camarena Club" members in agent Camarena's hometown of Calexico, Calif., wearing red ribbons and pledging to lead drug-free lives to honor the sacrifices made by him and other agents.

The event developed over time, eventually gaining nation-

al recognition with the help of former first lady Nancy Reagan, and becoming a vehicle for communities to educate children and adults alike on the dangers of substance abuse.

"School-age children are the primary focus, but all youth and adults, military and civilians, Americans and locals are highly encouraged to get involved," Mr. Tack said. "This is an opportunity for kids to ask honest questions about drugs and alcohol and for parents to talk with their kids about these issues."

Parents are strongly encouraged to talk with their children about the risks of drug, alcohol and tobacco use -- kids will be bringing home lots of useful information!

Activities during the week of Oct. 23-27 are centered in the schools, and each school is sponsoring unique and creative activities to help highlight this year's theme "100 percent Me Drug Free." The messages and ideas behind Red Ribbon Week are something the Red Ribbon Committee wants to emphasize year-round.

"My goal is to increase communication between the students and their parents and other important people in their life," said Cheri Helfenstein, Spangdahlem Middle School nurse. "If this type of communication is already occurring in the elementary and middle school years, it's a great foundation for the years to come."

For more information on drug abuse prevention and treatment, call the Drug Demand Reduction Program at 452-8304.



## Support Red Ribbon Week

- ♦ Wear a red ribbon during this week of celebration to show support and provide red ribbons to friends, family members, co-workers, and other concerned adults in the community (Ribbons not authorized in uniform!).
- ♦ Hold a forum for parents and their children in schools about the effects of drugs and encourage parents and children to talk about their concerns and thoughts.
- ♦ Partner with local video stores and place red ribbons on the boxes of movies that realistically portray the impact alcohol and other drugs have on people's lives.
- ♦ Ask clergy and members of the religious community to talk about the importance of leading by example during their sermons and services.
- ♦ Volunteer at Red Ribbon events at local schools.
- ♦ Encourage people in the workplace to adopt a school or a classroom.
- ♦ Provide t-shirts and hats for students who participate in Red Ribbon activities.

(Source: Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse)



Photos by Capt. Diane Weed

### Preparing for emergencies

(Above) Members of the disaster control group perform a table top exercise Monday. The exercise helps members hone their skills in the event of a real world emergency.

(Left) Ulrich Mueller, Polizei direktion Wittlich, discusses a table top DCG exercise scenario with Connie Pitsch, 52nd Fighter Wing community relations.



## Simple ways to save energy

By Tech. Sgt. Pamela Anderson  
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

As winter sets in, the heat will be turned on and Spangdahlem Air Base personnel are reminded to conserve energy by using it wisely.

European heating systems are different than those used in the United States and if they are not used properly, off-base residents can expect a high electric bill during the colder months.

"Here in Europe the majority of the households use a radiator system (either utilizing heating oil or diesel)," said Capt. Matthew Welling, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron Maintenance Engineering chief. "In the U.S., heating systems typically utilize a forced air approach which also acts as a method to distribute air conditioning in warmer months."

The 52nd CES offers the following tips to heat your home at a comfortable setting while conserving energy and saving money:

- ♦ Adjust your thermostat regularly to meet the changing weather. A decrease of 1 degree Celsius saves six percent on the heating energy used.
- ♦ At night, lower the temperature 5 degrees Celsius. It can be done about two hours before



going to bed without a noticeable impact on the comfort level in the house.

- ♦ Lower the temperature in rooms that are not utilized regularly then keep the doors closed. Be careful though, too low of a temperature may cause dampness in that room.
- ♦ Use different temperatures for different rooms
- ♦ Ventilate regularly by opening windows several times a day for a few minutes. This allows fresh air into the house and keeps walls and floors warm.
- ♦ Do not put furniture or drapes and curtains in front of radiators.

## Memorial

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spoke of several Airmen who made the ultimate sacrifice in the name of freedom. He read an excerpt from a letter sent by Senior Airman Jason Cunningham, an Air Force para-jumper with the Special Forces to his wife, Theresa, before he was killed in combat in Afghanistan in 2002.

"As if aware of his impending death, he wrote, 'I'll die a happy man doing the job I love'," read General Moseley. "Those are the words of a true PJ, and it speaks volumes of his commitment and dedication. We honor him with this memorial, as well as the countless others who are like him."

Several aircraft, ranging from World War One bi-planes to today's stealth bombers and fighters, flew over the crowd and memorial in chronological order, providing visual evidence of the evolution of military flight.

The ceremony ended with a demonstration from the Thunderbirds, who buzzed the crowd before doing the bomb-burst formation, which inspired the design of the three-spires of the memorial.

"We commemorate today the courage of the men and women who were the Air Force blue," said President Bush. "We remember those who gave their lives for their fellow Americans. We mourn their loss, we pray for their families and we consecrate their legacy here today."





Photo by Staff Sgt. Tammie Moore

## Top Saber Performer

**Name:** Master Sgt. Ed Walbeck  
**Unit:** 52nd Fighter Wing  
**Duty title:** Logistics liaison, advanced programs  
**Hometown:** Blairsville, Pa.  
**Years in service:** 17.5 years  
**Nominee's contributions to 52nd Fighter Wing mission success:** Sergeant Walbeck implements Assistant secretary of the Air Force for acquisition directed advanced programs taskings for the 52nd FW. He is the focal point for all maintenance and logistical functions associated with the wing's advanced programs affecting eight squadrons, more than 400 personnel and 1.3 billion

worth of classified, mission essential assets.

**Off-duty volunteerism and professional development pursuits:** Sergeant Walbeck is currently enrolled in SNCO Course 12 program. He is also a member of the wing Top-3 annual awards committee and is working toward his bachelor's degree in computer science.

**What do you do for fun?** I enjoy following Pittsburgh sports teams from afar and lately I have had a fun 25 days of leave in the states.

**What do you like most about being stationed here?** I enjoy receiving our cost of living allowance and that my children have the opportunity to learn the German language at our local German Kinder.

**What's one thing you'd like to see changed or improved at Spangdahlem Air Base?** I would like to see an in-door running track and lower gas and fuel prices offered by Army Air Force Exchange Services.

## Hispanic Heritage Association names essay contest winners

*(Editor's note: Below are the winning essays of the Hispanic Heritage Month essay competition from the Bitburg Annex and Spangdahlem Air Base middle schools. The competition topic was to choose a Hispanic figure, personal or historical, and describe how the person has impacted the writers' life.)*

**By Nicole Correa**

Bitburg Middle School

My grandma impacts my life because she teaches me how to celebrate Hispanic culture. She makes a difference in my life by teaching me how to cook Hispanic food.

My grandma has not been a part of my life because my father is in the military, but she impacts me even when she isn't around. She talks with us on the phone every week. She always asks how we're doing and what's going on in school. I know she cares about each of us and keeps track of our friends and our hobbies and everything. She always sends us packages. When I go to the states, we have a big party and eat a lot of Spanish food.

Hispanic Heritage month is a great way to talk about someone you appreciate and who shares the same background.

**Sabrina Cavazos**

Spangdahlem Middle School

My name is Sabrina Cavazos. I am 13 years old and in the 8th grade. I am entering this essay because I am happy to be a Mexican-American. For Hispanic Heritage Month, I am going to write about a group of people who have influenced not just my life, but also the lives of my younger brothers as well. This group of people happened to be my family; my mother Gina Cavazos, my father Sabas Cavazos and my sister Angel DelRossi.

When I was just five years old, my sister introduced me to a traditional type of dancing known as Ballet Folklorico. My brothers were introduced and participated in this dance at the ages of one and three.

Ballet Folklorico is defined as the dance of an ethnic group and is used to signify groups who dance to folk dances from Mexico. The girls and women wear bright and colorful dresses, headpieces with ribbon, low heel shoes equipped with nails, and have fancy and elaborate stitching. The men and boys wear Charro outfits. Charro outfits often have black pants with shiny buttons down the sides, a sombrero, and dance boots equipped with nails. The nails provide the sound of the zapateados (tap combinations). Jalisco dancers (dancers from Jalisco, Mexico) dance to festive Mariachi music. Some of the most popular dances of Jalisco are Jarabe Tapatio, La Botella and La Raspa.

We have done Ballet Folklorico as a whole family, and we have been fortunate to share our culture all around the world. We have danced in the U.S, Japan, Iceland and here in Germany!

People may be wondering why we do this. It's a way to share a part of our family and to keep our ancestral culture alive. If you ask my dad why we dance, he will say, "We dance as a family because it helps to keep out kids in touch with their customs and ancestral culture." Personally, I love to dance because it is a way of expressing my culture and the audience always seems to enjoy it. The main idea is to have fun.

I would like to thank my mom and dad for keeping me in touch with my culture and thank my sister for taking the time to teach me the dances. I am glad she taught us because our family is spending more time together. I will always remember that I am Mexican-American and how much joy and happiness that Ballet Folklorico brings to our family. I am proud of my ancestral heritage, background and culture.

## Eifel Salutes

### 38th Munitions Maintenance Group

**Staff Sgt. Dwayne Blake**, weapons safety NCO, blew away his annual Weapons Safety Inspection. His management of critical Nuclear Certified Equipment and his outstanding Explosive Safety and Nuclear Surety Training Programs were just a few of his praised "commendable" programs. In addition, he serves as one of three handpicked 2W1 Load monitor certifying officials working with the German air force.

### 52nd Maintenance Group

**Master Sgt. Amy Thomas** recently returned from a trip to the desert where she was recognized as a USCENAF Outstanding Performer. She is also the 52nd MXG's nominee for the European Command Senior Service Member of the Year Award and was named the 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron Maintenance Professional SNCO of the third quarter.

### 52nd Medical Group

Kudos to **Dr. (Capt.) Noelle Carpenter** for holding down the fort in the Pediatrics clinic



while her co-physician **Dr. (Maj.) Stephen Boden** was away on a humanitarian mission. Excellent work maintaining the clinic and keeping a rigorous inpatient call schedule! Strong work on the part of **Tech. Sgt. Joseph Dohmann** and **Master Sgt. LuisValladares**, both IDMTs in the 52nd Medical Operations Squadron, stepped up

to serve the medical needs of our active duty in garrison while a team of healthcare providers from the 52nd MDG served 10 days in Ghana during a MEDFLAG outreach. Huge kudos to **Laura Todd** Spangdahlem Air Base Family Advocacy nurse. Ms. Todd stepped up and volunteered to run the obstetrician orientation during the wing training day. She ensured our new moms got into the system and received all the information they needed for appointments and follow-ups.

### Outstanding CDC scores

Supperb job **Airman 1st Class David Mann** and **Airman Michael Matticks** both from the 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron for scoring a 95 percent or better on their career development course exams.

## October is National Disability Employee Month

**Last week's trivia question:** Which Act says ... Title I, of this act, which took effect July 26, 1992, prohibits private employers, state and local government, employment agencies and labor unions from discriminating against qualified individuals with disabilities in job application procedures, hiring, firing, advancement, compensation, job training and other terms, conditions and privileges of employment?

**Answer: Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990**

*The first person to answer the question correctly was Senior Airman Elizabeth Gaskins, 52nd Maintenance Operation Squadron. Airman Gaskins received a \$20 gift card from AAFES.*



Courtesy photo

## Top Saber Team

**Unit name:** 606th Air Control Squadron Theater Deployable Communications

**Number of members:** 14

**Unit responsibilities:** Squadron mission is deploy anywhere, anytime to execute command and control of air operations. The TDC is responsible for maintenance and operation of all communications infrastructure, specifically secure and non-secure voice, data and internet circuits for both in-garrison and deployed operations. Technicians ensure circuit activation and resolve unscheduled maintenance actions with distant end terminals in support of national and NATO worldwide contingencies and exercises.

**Team contribution to the 52nd Fighter Wing's mission:** The TDC provides core communications services to 606th ACS operators enabling air battle management of 52nd FW sorties. These services include long-haul circuits to distant host nation air traffic control authorities as well as military Air Operations Centers, providing a safe training environment in the skies around the Eifel region and integration of tactical command and control to NATO.

**Team's other contributions through the year:** The TDC technicians deployed to Kandahar, Afghanistan for Operation Enduring Freedom, performing intricate equipment configuration and calibration of Air Force, Army and NATO circuits to meet emerging operational requirements. They convoyed with 180 squadron personnel to Maarnward, the Netherlands and established all deployed squadron connectivity to support USAFE's Exercise Falcon Guard II. The TDC members also contributed to training 349 wing personnel in convoy defense techniques in preparation for air expeditionary force taskings.



# DoD schools celebrate 60 years

WIESBADEN, Germany -- October marks the 60th year that Department of Defense Dependents Schools-Europe have been teaching America's military students overseas.

On Oct. 14, 1946, 38 elementary schools and five high schools, under the newly established Dependents Schools Service, opened their doors to 1,297 American military students.

The night before the grand openings *Stars and Stripes* carried a report on the first Parent Teacher Association meeting held in Berlin. The American Forces Network supplemented school music programs with their broadcasts during the weeks that followed.

The Dependents Schools Service eventually evolved into the Department of Defense Education Activity, and the DoDDS-Europe. In the heyday, DoDDS-Europe had more than 200 schools, and hundreds of thousands of students. Today, DoDDS-Europe has 98 schools, and about 40,000 students. The 60-year effort has not been without its trials and tribulations, as well as successes.

In the spring of 1946, under the headship of Maj. Virgil Walker, two supporting Army officers, an enlisted administrative specialist, four American civilian educators and teachers were recruited, curriculums planned; and budgets developed.

According to the history books, each child was to pay a yearly tuition of \$10. Before school started, however, tuition was limited to the top three enlisted ranks, and was lowered to \$4 per student. That was significant in view of the fact that school budgets were originally derived from profits on beverage sales in the Class VI stores.

Schools initially consisted of a few modern buildings, but many were requisitioned houses, unused utility buildings and empty barracks. According to historian, Dr. Allen D. Olson, installation commanders provided the facilities, pot bellied stoves and other bare essentials.

"Empty shell cases in the career ed courses were made into ash trays, lamps and jewelry boxes. One faculty had only red chalk. Powdered, it made tempera when mixed with water, with varnish it became enamel, and with starch it became finger paint."

As with parents today, accreditation and knowing how their children would "fit in" when they returned to the States was a concern.

Dr. Olson wrote, "Because Major Walker had been a school superintendent in Minnesota before the war, the North Central Association, asked him to run an accreditation visit to the five high schools...."

Major Walker's report read, "I found a satisfactory degree of efficient instruction. The schools have high morale and an intellectual tone." He noted in his report that although there were supply shortages, and that there was a problem in accurately projecting student enrollments, all was going well. By the end of the first year,



Photo by Caitlin Schwartz

**Becky Briley, Bitburg High School teacher, reviews a music sheet with Sierra Lawrence, daughter of Senior Master Sgt. Shona and A.J. Lawrence. Miss Lawrence is a senior at BHS.**

student enrollment had doubled to 2,992 students.

Today, DoDDS-Europe with an annual budget of more than \$700 million, are all fully accredited by the NCA, and help produce some of the smartest students in the American pool, with test scores that have consistently been higher than national averages.

Classes today include digital art, automotive mechanics, journalism, video production, culinary arts and advanced algebra. It is possible for students to obtain high school credits as early as the 8th grade, and college credits in high school through advanced placement.

In a letter to student parents, Diana Ohman, who is the present day Director of DoDDS-Europe, said, "We have come a long way since those early days of simple reading, writing, and arithmetic. It is exciting to realize that our parents and military partners have been by our side for well over half a century."

Ms. Ohman invited the parents to join in the celebration of these partnerships.

"Through a variety of events and news stories we will be revisiting some of our students and our history during this anniversary year, she said. "I look forward to many more years of teaming with our parents and with our military communities. Be assured that DoDDS-Europe will continue to offer educational programs that help us accomplish our goal of 'Highest Student Achievement' for every child."

## New policy: guardians must report student absences

By Capt. Jennifer Lovett  
USAFENS

U.S. Air Forces in Europe has partnered with the Department of Defense Dependents Schools – Europe to support a new absence reporting policy that starts immediately.

"Today's environment necessitates standardized procedures for parents to report student absences from school and for the school to notify parents when a child fails to show up for classes," said Stacey Crosson, USAFE school liaison officer.

In support of the DoDDS-Europe Policy, all USAFE installations have put in place policies that require parents or guardians to notify their child's school of absences or late arrivals and ensure correct contact information is on file at their child's school at all times.

"If contact information is not current or is incorrect, schools will initiate contact through the military member's chain-of-command and commanders have the discretion to execute appropriate counseling or disciplinary actions," Ms. Crosson said.

In the event a child is reported as absent by the classroom teacher and the school has not been made aware of a planned absence, under the new policy, DoDDS-Europe will contact the parent to report the child's absence before 10 a.m.

If the school cannot contact the parent, it will attempt to contact all names on the student's contact list before contacting the military member's chain-of-command.

"These procedures are designed to help ensure the well being of all students and will require the full cooperation of everyone involved," Ms. Crosson said. "Parents need to be very diligent in reporting unplanned absences to the school and ensuring contact information remains current and correct."

A copy of the DoDDS-E policy can be found on the DoDDS-Europe Web site at <http://www.eu.dodea.edu/policies/StudentAbsences.pdf>. For more information or answers to questions, contact a School Liaison Office.



## Special Leave Accrual for deployed, non-deployed members in use or lose status

The purpose of special leave accrual is to prevent members from losing accrued leave if they are unable to take normal leave due to significant and unforeseen operational mission requirements. Members are ineligible for SLA consideration if they returned from deployment and had the opportunity to use leave but failed to do so. Post deployment recovery time is not a valid reason for reinstatement of lost leave when accrued leave could have been taken in its place. For details, contact individual orderly rooms.



# Viewpoints & Commentaries

## Wings

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cyber systems that never sleep and never blink.

From satellites that provide early warning, to over-tasked unmanned aerial vehicles and surveillance and reconnaissance aircraft, Airmen operate the world's most advanced sensor network. They watch the globe -- to include North Korean preparations for missile launches, Iranian nuclear programs, and the dangerous borders between warring nations. Airmen are America's global eyes and ears, likely the first to tip off of an emerging threat to Americans and America's interests

I see Airmen who provide the first response worldwide for natural disasters -- on scene for rescue and delivering humanitarian supplies (to include complete hospitals) that often mean the difference between life and death.

I see Airmen airborne, in the center of the worst storms and hurricanes in history, to track and provide the warning that is critical to save lives and protect citizens' property.

I see Airmen airborne, fighting forest and range fires, delivering fire retardant liquid from C-130s -- again to save lives and protect citizens' property. From rescuing individuals in danger, to providing storm warning, to fighting fires, to delivering supplies across a global air bridge, Airmen are the real manifestation of American compassion and strength.

It has been my observation that Airmen do these tasks so well that people at risk expect an American response no matter how far or how adverse the conditions or how tough the task. It has also been my observation that these Airmen make all this look so easy that others believe it is easy -- which, of course, it's not.

I see Airmen who are often first to the fight through the attributes inherent in the exploitation of Air Power, engaging enemies across vast ranges on a truly global scale, striking targets or transporting themselves and their fellow Warriors to hot spots throughout the world. These Airmen then stand alongside them in the fight as a joint team, delivering military options, anywhere on Earth.

These Airmen fly bombers on a truly intercontinental scale, routinely striking targets at ranges unequaled in the history of warfare, with peerless precision, speed, and lethality, while simultaneously holding other targets at risk, thereby deterring and dissuading adverse actions.

Other Airmen fly the giant airlift and refueling aircraft, also on a truly intercontinental scale, daily delivering humanitarian relief supplies, other war fighters, cargo, and the means to conduct theater war fighting on the scale required in this long war on terrorism. In fact, every 90 seconds, somewhere on the surface of the Earth, these Airmen take to the air -- 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, good weather or foul in defense of this country.

I see Airmen slip into hollow cockpits of fighter aircraft and, to paraphrase James Salter's "Gods of Tin," plug themselves into the machine. As these Airmen prepare themselves for combat, the canopy grinds shut and seals them off. Their oxygen, their very breath, is carried with them into the chilled vacuum in a steel bottle. Their only voice is the radio. They're as isolated as a deep-sea diver.

For these warriors -- operating in their unique domain -- time and space are compressed. To them, geographical expanses are reduced and geographical barriers are bypassed by the hurtling aircraft - again exploiting the inherent benefits of the ultimate high ground and vantage of operating within this unique domain.

In combat, these Airmen live or die alone. They're certainly



Air Force courtesy photo  
**MCCONNELL AIR FORCE BASE, Kan. -- Gen. T. Michael Moseley, Chief of Staff of the Air Force, is greeted by Airmen during his visit here Oct. 12.**

accompanied by others, flying and fighting alongside -- but, really, they are alone in these fighter aircraft. They're fighting the laws of physics, as well as our increasingly lethal enemies. And the connection to technology is real because first they become part of the aircraft and then the aircraft becomes a part of them, all in defense of this Nation.

I see Airmen succeed throughout the world, mirroring America's diversity and its blend of capabilities, devotion, courage, and valor that unite Warriors across cultures and national boundaries.

I see Airmen who provide measured military effects and save lives. I see Airmen standing shoulder to shoulder with their brothers and sisters on the ground, hunting terrorists as part of our Special Ops teams, driving convoys, guarding bases, conducting truly high risk combat search and rescue missions, and providing medical services in places the devil himself doesn't dare to tread.

I see the daily mission reports from U.S. Central Command, documenting multiple examples of Airmen on the scene when surface troops are in contact, who attack with both the aircraft-mounted gatling guns and with the precision-guided munitions, and whose actions set the conditions for victory. This is the essence of the combatant spirit and the joint team.

I see Airmen who quietly support national objectives over the long term. When American ground troops returned home after liberating Kuwait in 1991, Airmen stayed in theater as the preponderance of the force deployed to not only enforce the United Nations' Resolutions but to defend the local populations from tyranny. In fact, since that time, Airmen have been fighting in Iraq for 16 straight years, including the 12 years of sacrifice and deployed operations in support of Operation Northern Watch and Operation Southern Watch -- standing guard in the desert as the major American military force engaged.

I see Airmen demonstrating the inherent flexibility of American Air Power in responding to combat tasking during this same period with two additional deployments into the Arabian Gulf, as well as combat operations over Bosnia and Kosovo and an unwavering air bridge for resupply and medical evacuation - without skipping a beat.

I see Airmen on duty at this moment flying America's constellation of military spacecraft. This solely Air Force mission involves hundreds of military satellites and thousands of Airmen, serving as the Nation's eyes and ears. These Airmen operate the key spacecraft that provide early warning, communications, precise navigation and weather information for

America's combat forces. They are "on watch" 24 hours a day, 7 days a week -- and again, they have never skipped a beat.

I see Airmen airborne at this moment in support of Operation Noble Eagle -- overhead the cities and citizens of the United States. This solely Air Force mission involves hundreds of aircraft and thousands of Airmen, operating from dozens of locations -- scattered from Alaska, to Hawaii, to the East Coast, serving as the airborne shield for America. These Airmen, in flight aboard AWACS early warning aircraft, aerial refueling tankers and jet fighters are on "on watch" 24 hours a day, 7 days a week -- and again, they have never skipped a beat.

I see Airmen on duty at this moment across the Inter-Continental Ballistic Missile (ICBM) fields and deep within the missile silos located across the heartland of America -- "North of Interstate 80." This solely Air Force mission involves hundreds of missiles and thousands of Airmen, serving as the most responsive element of America's "Triad," our nuclear deterrent backstop. These Airmen are also "on watch" 24 hours a day, 7 days a week -- and again, they have never skipped a beat.

I see Battlefield Airmen engaged in surface combat alongside this country's finest Soldiers, Sailors and Marines. These special operators, combat controllers, PJs (combat search and rescue to bring back all downed Airmen, no matter their nationality or service), terminal attack controllers, combat communicators, and combat weathermen serve as the immediate connection from the surface joint team to the airborne Airmen -- delivering the desired kinetic and non-kinetic effects 24 hours a day, 7 days a week -- and, they too, have never skipped a beat.

I see Airmen who represent America at its best: its honor, valor, courage, and devotion; its mastery of science and technology; its awesome military might; its commitment to freedom; its flexibility and adaptability. It has always been this way: from our humble beginnings since before World War I, to a decisive military force which ended World War II, to a truly global force that manned the intercontinental missiles, jet tankers and bombers of the Cold War, and today contribute to a long list of successes in the global war on terror.


As a reminder of the successes, the last time American Soldiers have been attacked by enemy aircraft was April, 1953 - over 53 years ago! The ability for our surface combatants to look up into the sky, knowing that there's nothing to fear is priceless.

Yet, air, space and cyberspace dominance is not an entitlement -- it's a direct fight that must be won as a predicate to any other activity. The battle for air, space, and, now, cyberspace superiority has been -- and will always be -- the first battle of any war.

These Airmen of today's United States Air Force have a glorious heritage: from the days of the first combat pilots of the Lafayette Escadrille of WWI, to the groundbreaking Tuskegee Airmen of WWII, to the early jet pilots flying "Sabres" over the distant Yalu River during the Korean War, to the early space and missile pioneers that put America on the ultimate high ground of space, to the heroic Jolly Green Giants and POWs of Vietnam, to the Airmen presently engaged in combat across Iraq and Afghanistan.

They all live on the threshold of a vast horizon -- across the air, space and cyberspace domains. Airmen must be able to continue to mold America's incredible technological might into the air, space and cyber systems which guarantee our freedoms and our future.

The United States of America and the joint team that defends it depend on their Air Force to deliver national objectives on a global scale to an extent unseen in the history of mankind. Yes, America truly soars on Air Force wings.



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**Col. Darryl Roberson**

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Direct Lines of general interest will be published in the *Eifel Times* and may be edited or paraphrased for brevity or clarity. Submit your Direct Line via:

- [DirectLine@spangdahlem.af.mil](mailto:DirectLine@spangdahlem.af.mil)
- Mailed to 52nd FW/PA, Unit 3680 Box 220, APO AE 09126
- To PA in building 23.
- Concerns may also be sent via fax to 452-5254.

Anonymous inputs are accepted. To receive a personal response you must include your name and phone number. Call the Eifel Times at 452-5244 for more information.

## Sortie Scoreboard

Aircraft	Goal	Flown	Delta
22FS	393	239	+19
23FS	408	217	+9
81FS	318	143	+3

\*Delta is contract vs. sorties flown to date.

**Through Oct. 17**

Courtesy of the 52nd Operations Support Squadron Plans and Scheduling Section



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## ASVAB test

The Armed Forces Classification Test takes place Oct. 30 in building 131. All personnel considering retraining should consider retaking the test to improve their scores. For more information or to sign up, call promotions and testing at 452-4056.

## Babysitter course

A babysitters' training course takes place Wednesday, Thursday and Oct. 27 from 4-6 p.m. This six-hour course teaches participants about the responsibilities of basic child care and supervision. For more information, call 0650293-7446.

## ESAB meeting

The Eifel School Advisory Board meets Monday at 6 p.m. in the Willkommen Center. Items discussed include the introduction of board members, a briefing on "bullying," and a review of Eifel School community items. For more information, call 452-6331.

## Family advocacy programs

For details on family advocacy programs, call Cecelia Diaz at 452-8279 or 06565-958279. The classes and programs below take place on Spangdahlem AB, building 161, third floor, unless specified otherwise.

- ♦ Passport to Parenthood takes place in November, all soon-to-be parents should reserve a seat in the class;
- ♦ Start Safe, Stay Safe is a workshop for parents aimed at child sexual abuse prevention; and
- ♦ Rationale for Support of Parents is a support group for parents of children with special needs.

## Girl Scouts

The Girl Scouts need a few good leaders. For more information, call USA Girl Scouts Overseas at 452-9190 or e-mail [spangdahlemgirlscouts@hotmail.com](mailto:spangdahlemgirlscouts@hotmail.com).

## Halloween events

- ♦ The Spangdahlem Middle School PTSA is planning a Halloween dance Oct. 27. People interested in donating Halloween decorations can drop them off to Becky Moore at Spangdahlem AB building 401, apt. C2. For details, call Ms. Moore at 06565-955853.
- ♦ The 52nd CES, 52nd CS and 52nd MDG host their annual Haunted House



Photo by Airman 1st Class Josie Kemp

## Come on in

(Left to right) Col. Daniel Fincher, Staff Judge Advocate, U.S. Air Forces in Europe and the Staff Judge Advocate for the USAFE; Lt. Col. James Bitzes, 52nd Fighter Wing judge advocate; Lt. Col. Pitts, 52nd Mission Support Squadron commander; and Col. Banks, 52nd Mission Support Group commander, cut a ribbon during the legal office grand opening Oct. 16.

Oct. 27-31 from 6 p.m. to midnight in the Bitburg Annex, buildings 2033 and 2032. A tour for children ages 10 and under takes place Oct. 31 from 4-6 p.m. where children can walk through the house with the lights on. The cost is \$5 per person and children 10 and under pay \$2.50. For details, call Master Sgt. Roy Stevens at 452-9433.

- ♦ Dress up and celebrate Halloween Oct. 27 from 7 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. at Club Eifel.

## S.A.V.E. presentation

The Supporting Assault Victims in the Eifel group and the First Four host a showing of "KIDZ" Thursday at 3:30 p.m. in the Brick House.

## Mentors and Tutors needed

Mentors needed for 45 minutes once or twice a week at the Bitburg Middle School from 1:15-2 p.m. Algebra tutors needed for 45 minutes once or twice a week from 1:15-2 p.m., 2:45-4 p.m. or one Saturday a month from 8 a.m. to noon. For more information, contact Elizabeth Childs at 0162-234-1840 or e-mail [elizabeth.childs@eu.dodea.edu](mailto:elizabeth.childs@eu.dodea.edu).

## Small dog play group

People interested in starting a small-dog play group should call Simone at 06574-900108. The yard is fenced and a field and wooded area is close by for off-leash time.

## Stamp collecting in the Eifel

October is National Stamp Collecting Month and USAFE post offices are giv-

ing away free commemorative stamp products. To view the stamps in the 2006 U.S. commemorative stamp program, visit [www.usps.com/shop](http://www.usps.com/shop) and click on "Release Schedule" in the Collector's Corner. Visit the post office for details.

## VITA volunteers

The legal office and tax center seeks volunteers to provide tax assistance to the base. Volunteers receive free training and certification by the IRS. A four-day newcomers training course occurs Dec. 11 and a three-day advanced training course happens Dec. 6. Both courses provide IRS certification. The deadline to volunteer is Nov. 22. For more information or to register for a course, call the legal office at 452-6796.

## Quarterly award luncheon

The third quarter award luncheon takes place Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. in the Club Eifel Ballroom.

## 52nd CES meet, greet

The 52nd CES spouses host a meet and greet Saturday from 2-3:30 p.m. at the Airman and Family Readiness Center. There will be door prizes and all 52nd CES spouses are welcome to attend the meeting. For details, call Cindy Threet at 06502-937-570 or 0175-603-4648.

## 52nd MDG closure

The 52nd Medical Group closes for a training day Nov. 1. Anyone requiring urgent care should go to the Bitburg Annex Hospital Emergency Room.

# Chapel Services

## Spangdahlem AB

### Catholic Mass

- ♦ Saturday, 5 p.m.
- ♦ Sunday, 8:30 a.m.
- ♦ Sunday, religious education, 9:45 a.m. (building 139)
- ♦ Monday - Thursday, 11:45 a.m.

### Protestant

- ♦ Sunday, 10:30 a.m., traditional service
- ♦ Sunday, 1 p.m., Korean service
- ♦ Sunday, 5 p.m., Sunday Night Live service

## Bitburg Annex

### Catholic Mass

- ♦ Sunday, 11:30 a.m.
- ♦ Monday, 8:30 a.m.

### Protestant

- ♦ Sunday, 8:15 a.m., Liturgical; 9:30 a.m., Contemporary; 1 p.m., Gospel Service

## Chapel happenings

- ♦ A Pagan support group meeting takes place Saturday at 1 p.m. at the Spangdahlem AB Coffee Mill. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Matthew Peay at 452-9147.
- ♦ The Spangdahlem Chapel hosts auditions for "The First Leon," a children's Christmas Musical Saturday at 1 p.m.
- ♦ A singles and unaccompanied military member dinner happens Thursday from 5-6:30 p.m. at the Spangdahlem AB Chapel.
- ♦ A Hallelujah Festival an alternative to Halloween takes place Oct. 31 from 5:30-7 p.m. at the Bitburg Annex French Caserne gym.

For more information about Chapel events, call 452-6711/6281.

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To become a member and be eligible for these great giveaways, simply stop by the cashier's cage at Club Eifel! Along with awesome discounts and fantastic specials at the club, you'll also receive an incredible 0% promotion rate on your new card!

The membership drive runs until November 30th. Don't miss out on your chance to WIN! visit [www.52services.com](http://www.52services.com)

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# Der Markt

## Free classifieds policy and submission deadlines

Der Markt is for the personal resale of items by military and civilian employees and their families. Items such as advertisements for rental property won't be published due to funded paper restraints. Ads should be 35 words or less and customers are limited to no more than two ads per week. Ads must be typed or printed legibly and turned into the public affairs office, building 23, at least **10 days before the desired date of publication.** Ads can also be e-mailed to [publicity@spangdahlem.af.mil](mailto:publicity@spangdahlem.af.mil) or sent via fax to 452-5254. Having ads in by deadline does not guarantee publication. Ads for services generating regular income will not be published. The ads must include the sponsor's name and telephone number. Ads not meeting these requirements, including those exceeding the designated word limits, will not be printed. The Eifel Times staff reserves the right to edit ads.



## Movies

The following movie listings are for today through Oct. 26. Times and movies are subject to change. For more information, call 06565-61-9441 or 452-9441. For movie synopses, visit [www.aafes.com/ems/default.asp](http://www.aafes.com/ems/default.asp).

### Spangdahlem Skyline

#### Today

##### ◆ *Step Up* (PG-13, 7 p.m.)

Everyone deserves a chance to follow their dreams, but some people only get one shot. Tyler Gage is a rebel from the wrong side of Baltimore's tracks -- and the only thing that stands between him and an unfulfilled life are his dreams of one day making it out of there.

##### ◆ *The Last Kiss* (R, 9:30 p.m.)

A contemporary comedy-drama about life, love, forgiveness, marriage, friendship ... and coming to grips with turning 30.



#### Saturday

##### ◆ *Snakes on a Plane* (R, 7 p.m.)

A ruthless assassin unleashes a crate full of lethal snakes aboard a packed passenger jet over the Pacific Ocean in order to eliminate a witness in protective custody.

##### ◆ *The Descent* (R, 9:30 p.m.)

After a tragic accident, six friends reunite for a caving expedition. Their adventure soon goes horribly wrong when a collapse traps them deep underground and they find themselves pursued by bloodthirsty creatures.

#### Sunday

##### ◆ *Step Up* (4 p.m.)

##### ◆ *The Last Kiss* (7 p.m.)

#### Monday

##### ◆ *The Decent* (7 p.m.)

#### Tuesday

##### ◆ *Snakes on a Plane* (7 p.m.)

### Wednesday and Thursday closed

### Bitburg Castle

#### Today

##### ◆ *The Covenant* (PG-13, 7 p.m.)

Four young men who belong to a supernatural legacy are charged with stopping the evil force they released into the world years earlier. Another great force they must contend with is the jealousy and suspicion that threatens to tear them apart.

##### ◆ *Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby* (PG-13, 7 p.m.)

Number one NASCAR driver Ricky Bobby stays atop the heap thanks to a pact with his best friend and teammate, Cal Naughton, Jr. But when a French Formula One driver, makes his way up the ladder, Ricky Bobby's talent and devotion are put to the test.



#### Saturday

##### ◆ *Barnyard* (PG, 7 p.m.)

When the farmer's away, all the animals play ... and sing, and dance. Eventually, though, someone has to step in and run things, a responsibility that ends up going to Otis, a carefree cow.

##### ◆ *The Convent* (9:30 p.m.)

#### Sunday

##### ◆ *Barnyard* (4 p.m.)

##### ◆ *Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby*

### Closed Monday and Tuesday

#### Wednesday

##### ◆ *The Convent* (7 p.m.)

#### Thursday

##### ◆ *Barnyard* (7 p.m.)

## Fortified city world site for World War I history

# Verdun tourism invites visitors to honor soldiers' freedom fight

Story and photo by Don Weitz  
52nd Mission Support Squadron  
Education Center

People looking for places to visit during a three-day holiday weekend should consider visiting the French city of Verdun. For military history and non-history buffs alike, the past and the beauty of Verdun make it definitely worthy of a visit.

Just the way other European communities have created tourism markets based on wine, cheese, chocolate and other local commodities, Verdun has created a tourism industry based on a series of devastating battles with Germany during World War I. Everywhere in and around the city are memorials dedicated to those who fought in the war, as well as to the 700,000 who were killed, wounded or who went missing during the battles that raged from February to December 1916.

For the visitor who simply wants an understanding of the role Verdun played during World War I, two days here is sufficient. An absolute must-see in the city is the Musee de la Citadelle Militaire. Visitors to the museum board a laser guided tram that takes them through the tunnels of a 12th-century fortress. The tour is facilitated by an audio-visual presentation to include holograms depicting what life was like 89 years ago when this area was at war.

Before leaving the city to see other war memorials, be sure to see Rodin's Memorial to Verdun. The memorial symbolizes the horror of war as Victory is unable to soar because she is entangled in the corpse of a fallen soldier. While visits to most of the memorials require an entry fee, viewing of Rodin's monument is, so to speak, "on the house."

During World War I, the bucolic coun-



**Ossuaire de Douaumont is where the remains of more than 100,000 unidentifiable French and German soldiers are entombed.**

tryside around Verdun was transformed into a battleground of unimaginable proportions: trenches were dug, barbed wire lay everywhere, the dank air was punctuated by the acrid smell of recently exploded ordnance, and the fighting was frequently so up-close and personal that the weapon of first-choice was often the bayonet. Although the barbed wire is gone, as are the horrible sounds and smells of that war, the trenches remain clearly visible. Also, still visible are the craters that were created when 26,000,000 artillery shells slammed into the earth during the 10 month Battle for Verdun.

Other enlightening memorials around the Verdun countryside include the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery and the Ossuaire de Douaumont.

The Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery is approximately 30 miles from Verdun. With 14,246 American service members buried in this perfectly coiffed 130-acre cemetery, more U.S. military personnel lay in rest here than anywhere else in all of Europe. The road from

Verdun to the cemetery is unreliably marked, so be on the keen look out for signs that lead the way.

The Ossuaire de Douaumont shelters the remains of some 130,000 unidentifiable German and French soldiers who perished during the Verdun campaign. The walls inside the massive 137-meter wide stone structure are inscribed with the names of those whose mutilated bodies could not be recognized. In a sense, the Ossuaire de Douaumont is the Tomb of the 130,000 Unknown Soldiers.

Verdun is located in France's Alsace region, and is roughly midway between Spangdahlem and Paris. Making the 125-mile drive each way is easy since the route is uncomplicated and the roads are in good condition, but drivers should bring euro to pay for road tolls. Also, drivers should gas up on base before taking off to Verdun because the ESSO gas coupons aren't useable in France.

Many of Verdun's museums and monuments are open daily. For details, there are Web sites such as [JustTourFrance.com](http://JustTourFrance.com), that feature tourist information.

### Travel Info Share

The *Eifel Times* staff extends a special thanks to Don Weitz for his Leisure page contribution and invites other Team Eifel members to share their stories about interesting places to visit in Germany and the surrounding countries. Stories should be 400 words or less and written in third person. Photos must be high resolution. Submit articles to [publicity@spangdahlem.af.mil](mailto:publicity@spangdahlem.af.mil) or call the *Eifel Times* office at 452-5244 for more information.

## Out and About

(Editor's note: Events are subject to change.)

◆ An Old School Halloween Party happens **Oct. 28** from 7 p.m. through 2 a.m. at Costa Marbella restaurant in Beilngen. This event does not require costumes, but they are encouraged. Tickets for dinner and dancing cost 10 euros, tickets for dancing only cost 5 euros. For more information or to purchase a ticket call Tech. Sgt. Charles Wudtee at 452-7165, Tech. Sgt. Francisco Robinson-Brown at 452-2638 or Senior Master Sgt. Dwayne Metoyer at 456-5379.

◆ The European Military History Group is planning a trip to the Huertgen Forest area **Nov. 10**. The group dedicated to the awareness and preservation of military history, will talk about and visit various locations which the U.S. Army's 28th Division fought at. The trip takes place the same dates the division fought there almost 62 years ago. Be prepared for hiking. The tour travels through a heavily wooded region along the western border of Germany, Holland and Belgium. The group will stop at several locations throughout the day where historic lessons about each point will be presented. For more information about the EMHG or this trip, call Heath Hielsberg at 452-2467.

◆ The Annual Foggy Fields Bazaar takes place **Nov. 17** from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., **Nov. 18** from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and **Nov. 19** from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Geilenkirchen NATO Air Base. The bazaar is open to all U.S. and NATO ID cardholders and their guests. Items for sale from around the world include Polish pottery, Turkish carpets, clocks, antiques, jewelry, tapestries and more. The bazaar is hosted by the American Women of Geilenkirchen and all profits support programs in the military community.

Information, Tickets, and Travel offers the following trips. For



Photo by Christian Gerard

A 1:32 scale model of an F-16 *Fighting Falcon* (above), created by Christian Gerard from the Mittelmose modeling club, and many other small model aircraft will be on display at the International Scale Modeling exposition and contest **Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.** The expo is at the Berufsbildende Schule (Foyer of the Professional Training School), Rudolf-Diesel-Strasse 1 in Wittlich. The cost is 2 euro for adults and children under 12 are free.

more information, to make a reservation or check a price, call 452-6567, e-mail [52svs.itt@spangdahlem.af.mil](mailto:52svs.itt@spangdahlem.af.mil) or visit the ITT office at Spangdahlem Air Base in building 124.

◆ Celebrate Halloween at Franken-stein's Castle. An adults only Halloween party takes place **Oct. 28**, cost is \$60 per person. The whole family is welcome for a family Halloween party **Oct. 29**, cost is \$48 per person. Costumes are encouraged.

◆ The time is now to make plans for upcoming Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. Ask ITT Leisure Travel about air fare. Military discount fares available.



## Sports Briefs

### BHS football hosts divisions

The Bitburg High School Barons football team hosts the Division II round one playoff game Saturday at 1 p.m. at the BHS football field. The Barons face off against the Wuerzburg High School team. The winner of that game will play in round two of the play-offs Oct. 28. The winner then advances to the European Championships Nov. 4 in Baumholder, Germany.

### Bitburg youth hockey

Coach Chris Sandau, a semi-professional hockey player from Canada, offers a youth hockey clinic Tuesday and Thursday evenings at the Bitburg ice rink. The clinic starts Tuesday and runs through April. Children from all levels are encouraged to learn new hockey skills, as well as improve their playing level. For more information, call Coach Sandau at +491-511-298-8261 or Lt. Col. Robert Schmitz at 0171-331-8683.

### Fitness center hours change

The Skelton Memorial Fitness Center changes their hours of operation beginning Monday. The fitness center will be open Mondays through Fridays from 4 a.m. to 10 p.m., and weekends, holidays and down days from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. For details, call the fitness center at 452-6634.

### Halloween fun run

Join the fitness center for a scary 5K fun run Oct. 31 at 6 a.m., noon and 4 p.m. Runners can sign up at the time of the event and participants can walk or run. People are encouraged to bring the whole family and dress up in Halloween costumes. For more information, call the fitness center at 452-6634.

### Upcoming basketball events

For details on upcoming events, call Ed Marshall at 452-6634 or Sidney Mitchell at 452-3320.

- ♦ Intramural basketball and over 30 basketball letters of intent are due are Wednesday. The season starts in November. For more information, call 452-3365.
- ♦ Fall classic, Saturday and Sunday, \$250 per team with double-elimination, team awards; and
- ♦ Spangdahlem-Bitburg Midnight Madness, Nov. 25-26, events include slam dunk contest, 3-point shootout and games.

### Partner Up

Interested in playing tennis or racquetball but lack a partner? The Skelton Memorial Fitness Center Partner Up program matches players who need a partner. Call the fitness center and leave a name, a tennis or racquetball preference, contact number and estimated skill level. Once a match has been found players will be contacted. For more information, call Mark Gearin at 452-6634.

### Ice skating lesson

The Bitburg-American Skating School begins ice skating lessons in October for Team Eifel children, ages 6-11. Lessons are Mondays from 6-7 p.m. and Saturdays from 10-11 a.m., and go through March. Lessons for adults takes place Mondays. For more information, e-mail Mia Checkley at [bitburgskatingschool@hotmail.com](mailto:bitburgskatingschool@hotmail.com).

### Fitness assessments

People interested in having a free fitness assessment performed should call the fitness center to schedule an appointment. Assessments are broken down into six phases: blood pressure, body composition, muscular strength, muscular endurance, flexibility and cardiovascular fitness check. The results of the test determine a person's strengths and weaknesses. For more information, call Juergen Stockemer at 452-6496.

### Eifel Lanes bowling information

- ♦ A No Tap Tournament takes place Tuesday. Sign up begins at 5 p.m. and the tournament starts at 6 p.m. In this tournament men must knock down nine pins to receive a strike and women must knock down eight. A Crazy Eights completion follows while the results of the tournament are tallied. Participants must be 18 or older, cost is \$15 per game.
- ♦ Deployed family member bowling offers family members with deployed spouses and a Combat Care button the opportunity to bowl for \$1 per game.
- ♦ Family Day Bowling offers families a way to have fun and save money Sundays from noon to 4 p.m. Families receive free rentals, adults bowl for \$1.75 a game and children bowl for \$1.50 per game.



Photo by Heather Marshall

Adam Gerhart, 52nd Component Maintenance Squadron, Darnell Moss 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron, Ed Marshall, 52nd Services Squadron, Jason Bartholomew, 52nd CMS, Michael Egbalic, 52nd EMS, and Troy Saunders, 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron, pose for a team photo after competing in the 2006 U.S. Forces Europe Bodybuilding Championships Saturday and Sunday in Darmstadt, Germany. All Sabers placed in the competition, ranging from first to fourth place.

## Six Sabers take 2006 U.S. Forces Europe Bodybuilding Championships by storm

Staff reports

Six Spangdahlem Air Base bodybuilders competed against Europe's best at the 2006 U.S. Forces Europe Bodybuilding Championships Saturday and Sunday. With a contingent of six competitors, Spangdahlem was the best represented base in Europe.

Competing in the light weight category, the largest class with eight athletes, was first time competitor, Ed Marshall, 52nd Services Squadron. His time and effort conditioning for the competition earned him fourth place.

Earning third in this category was veteran competitor Michael Egbalic, 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron.

"Egbalic's superb proportion and muscle mass earned him this victory," said Troy Saunders, Spangdahlem AB bodybuilding coach and trainer.

Spang's final light weight competitor, just coming from his second place win at the United Kingdom's Ultra Bodybuilding Championships, was Jason Bartholomew, 52nd Component Maintenance Squadron. With impressive muscle mass and conditioning, Bartholomew continued to prove he is

one of Europe's best with another second place win, Saunders said.

Competing in the men's middle weight was Darnell Moss, 52nd EMS. His lean muscularity took third place in his first-ever competition. The next middle weight was Adam Gerhart, 52nd CMS, another first-timer.

Competing and winning in the light heavy weight category was last year's U.S. Forces Europe middle weight champion, Troy Saunders, 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron.

"I felt that I easily took the light heavy weight title," Saunders said. "While most athletes plan on taking a break and recuperating, I'm only just beginning. My next show will be the German Natural Bodybuilding Championships Oct. 28 and I have three more championships in November."

Athletes are judged in a comparison round of seven mandatory poses, a symmetry round for overall muscle balance, and in their individual performances. All of the athletes relied heavily on each other for support and motivation, and their accomplishments are truly impressive, said Saunders.

## BHS runners set records at Geilenkirchen

Staff reports

The Bitburg High School cross country running team traveled to NATO Air Base Geilenkirchen Oct. 14 and competed in a 5K race.

Sandra Davidson and Ryan Poock, posted winning times in the race -- setting records in the girls' and boys' races respectively.

Davidson completed the course in 20 minutes, four seconds, while Poock crossed the finish line at 16:35. These were personal and seasonal bests for both.

The girls' team picked up another victory defeating Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe, Belgium, and International School of Brussels.

The boys, on the other hand, only had four runners, therefore not qualifying for team honors.

The remaining girls and their times were: Rachel Poock, third Place, 21:05; Brianna Checkley, ninth, 22:45; Ericha Griep, 10th, 22:52; Erika Feldhausen, 22:56; Erica Green, 23:33; Rebekah

Bartlett, 27:07; Erin Elbel, 28:48; and Kamaile Snyder, 36:38.

The boys and their times were: Joey Denton, 20:06; Jacob Luning, 21:36; and Chad Denton, 21:38.

The next meet is being hosted by Brussels American School and other teams participating will be Alconbury, United Kingdom, ISB and SHAPE.

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